

Office of the Secretary of Transportation

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(3) Stimulating and promoting research and development in all modes and types of transportation, with special emphasis on transportation safety;

(4) Coordinating the various transportation programs of the Federal Government;

(5) Encouraging maximum private development of transportation services;

(6) Providing responsive, timely, and effective liaison with Congress and public and private organizations on transportation matters;

(7) Providing innovative approaches to urban transportation and environmental enhancement programs;

(8) Overseeing the Department's multimodal freight policy;

(9) Providing effective management of the Department as a whole to ensure it achieves organizational excellence;

(10) Leading Department-wide efforts for greater transparency and accountability;

(11) Administering the Department's Livable Communities initiative to increase access to convenient and affordable transportation choices and improve transportation networks that accommodate pedestrians and bicycles;

(12) Coordinating the Department's credit and financial assistance programs by leading the Credit Council to ensure responsible financing for the Nation's transportation projects; and

(13) Formulating and executing policies to ensure effective operation of the Department's aviation economic program including functions related to consumer protection and civil rights, domestic airline licensing matters, competition oversight, airline data collection, and review of international route negotiations and route awards to carriers.

§ 1.15 OST Structure.

(a) *Secretary and Deputy Secretary.* The Secretary and Deputy Secretary are assisted by the following, all of which report directly to the Secretary:

(1) The Chief of Staff;

(2) The Executive Secretariat;

(3) The Departmental Office of Civil Rights;

(4) The Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization;

(5) The Office of Intelligence, Security and Emergency Response;

(6) The Office of Public Affairs;

(7) The Office of the Chief Information Officer; and

(8) The Office of Drug & Alcohol Policy & Compliance.

(b) The Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy, the General Counsel, and the Assistant Secretaries for Administration, Budget and Programs, and Governmental Affairs also report directly to the Secretary.

(c) *Office of the Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy.* This Office is composed of:

(1) The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy, which includes:

(i) The Office of Safety, Energy, and the Environment,

(ii) The Office of Infrastructure Finance and Innovation, and

(iii) The Office of Economic and Strategic Analysis.

(2) The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, which includes:

(i) The Office of International Transportation and Trade,

(ii) The Office of International Aviation, and

(iii) The Office of Aviation Analysis.

(d) *Office of the General Counsel.* This Office is composed of:

(1) The Office of General Law,

(2) The Office of International Law,

(3) The Office of Litigation,

(4) The Office of Legislation,

(5) The Office of Regulation and Enforcement,

(6) The Office of Operations, which includes the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Office,

(7) The Office of Aviation Enforcement and Proceedings, which includes the Aviation Consumer Protection Division, and

(8) The Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution.

(e) *Office of the Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs and Chief Financial Officer.* This Office is composed of:

(1) The Office of Budget and Program Performance,

(2) The Office of Financial Management, and

(3) The Office of the Chief Financial Officer for the Office of the Secretary.

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(f) *Office of the Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs.* This Office contains the following functional areas: Congressional Affairs and Intergovernmental Affairs; and includes a Deputy Assistant Secretary for Tribal Government Affairs.

(g) *Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration.* This Office is composed of:

- (1) The Office of Audit Relations,
- (2) The Office of Human Resource Management,
- (3) The Office of Hearings,
- (4) The Office of Security,
- (5) The Office of the Senior Procurement Executive,
- (6) The Office of Financial Management and Transit Benefit Programs, and
- (7) The Office of Facilities, Information and Asset Management.

§ 1.17 OST Line of Secretarial Succession.

(a) The following officials, in the order indicated, shall act as Secretary of Transportation, in case of the absence or disability of the Secretary, until the absence or disability ceases, or in the case of a vacancy, until a successor is appointed. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the President retains discretion, to the extent permitted by the law, to depart from this order in designating an acting Secretary of Transportation.

- (1) Deputy Secretary.
- (2) Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy.
- (3) General Counsel.
- (4) Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs and CFO.
- (5) Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy.
- (6) Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs.
- (7) Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs.
- (8) Assistant Secretary for Administration.
- (9) Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration.
- (10) Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.
- (11) Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.
- (12) Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration.

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(13) Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration.

(14) Administrator of the Maritime Administration.

(15) Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

(16) Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

(17) Administrator of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration.

(18) Administrator of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation.

(19) Regional Administrator, Southern Region, Federal Aviation Administration.

(20) Director, Resource Center, Lakewood, Colorado, Federal Highway Administration.

(21) Regional Administrator, Northwest Mountain Region, Federal Aviation Administration.

(b) Without regard to the foregoing, a person directed to perform the duties of the Secretary pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3347 (the Vacancies Act) shall act as Secretary of Transportation.

OST OFFICIALS

§ 1.20 Secretary of Transportation.

The Secretary is the head of the Department. The Secretary exercises oversight of all of the OST components, as well as each of the Operating Administrations, and overall planning, direction, and control of the Department's agenda.

§ 1.21 Reservations of Authority to the Secretary of Transportation.

(a) All powers and duties that are not delegated by the Secretary in 49 CFR Part 1, or otherwise vested in officials other than the Secretary, are reserved to the Secretary. Except as otherwise provided, the Secretary may exercise powers and duties delegated or assigned to officials other than the Secretary.

(b) The delegations of authority in this part do not extend to the following actions, authority for which is reserved to the Secretary or the Secretary's delegatee within the Office of the Secretary: